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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE BILL NO. 162**  
**96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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Reported from the Committee on Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources, March 3, 2011, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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**AN ACT**

To amend chapter 262, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the farm-to-table advisory board, with an expiration date for a certain section.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 262, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new  
2 section, to be known as section 262.950, to read as follows:

**262.950. 1. There is hereby created an advisory board, which**  
2 **shall be known as the "Farm-to-Table Advisory Board". The board shall**  
3 **be made up of:**

4 **(1) One representative from each of the following agencies:**

5 **(a) University of Missouri-extension service;**

6 **(b) Department of agriculture;**

7 **(c) Department of elementary and secondary education;**

8 **(d) Department of health and senior services;**

9 **(e) Department of economic development;**

10 **(f) Department of corrections;**

11 **(g) Department of mental health; and**

12 **(h) Office of administration; and**

13 **(2) The following individuals who shall be appointed by the**  
14 **chairpersons of the agribusiness committee in the house and the**  
15 **agriculture committee in the senate in conjunction with the director of**  
16 **the department of agriculture:**

17 **(a) At least three persons actively employed as growers, who**  
18 **shall represent growers;**

19 **(b) At least three persons actively employed in food distribution,**  
20 **who shall represent food distributors; and**

21           (c) At least three persons actively employed by a school or state  
22 institution, who shall represent schools and state institutions.

23 The representative for the department of agriculture shall serve as the  
24 chairperson for the board and shall coordinate the board  
25 meetings. The board shall hold at least two meetings, but may hold  
26 more as it deems necessary to fulfill its requirements under this  
27 section. Staff of the department of agriculture may provide  
28 administrative assistance to the board if such assistance is  
29 required. The members of the board shall not receive extra or special  
30 compensation for their duties under this section, but may be  
31 reimbursed for expenses incurred in the course of their duties if  
32 funding is available.

33           2. The mission of the board is to provide recommendations for  
34 strategies that:

35           (1) Allow schools and state institutions to more easily  
36 incorporate locally-grown agricultural products into their cafeteria  
37 offerings, salad bars, and vending machines; and

38           (2) Increase public awareness of local agricultural practices and  
39 the role that local agriculture plays in sustaining healthy communities  
40 and supporting healthy lifestyles.

41           3. In fulfilling its mission under this section, the board shall:

42           (1) Investigate the status and availability of local, state, federal,  
43 and any other public or private resources that may be used to:

44           (a) Link schools and state institutions with local and regional  
45 farms for the purchase of locally-grown agricultural products;

46           (b) Increase market opportunities for locally-grown agricultural  
47 products;

48           (c) Assist schools and other entities with education campaigns  
49 that teach children and the general public about the concepts of food  
50 production and consumption; the interrelationships between nutrition,  
51 food choices, obesity, and health; and the value of having an accessible  
52 supply of locally-grown food;

53           (2) Identify any type of barrier, which may include legal,  
54 logistical, technical, social, or financial, that prevents or hinders:

55           (a) Schools and state institutions from purchasing more locally-  
56 grown agricultural products;

57           (b) The expansion of market opportunities for locally-grown

58 agricultural products;

59 (c) Schools and other entities from engaging in education  
60 campaigns to teach people about the concepts of food production and  
61 consumption; the interrelationships between nutrition, food choices,  
62 obesity, and health; and the value of having an accessible supply of  
63 locally-grown food; and

64 (3) Develop recommendations for:

65 (a) The maximization of existing public and private resources to  
66 accomplish the objectives in subsection 2 of this section;

67 (b) The development of new or expanded resources deemed  
68 necessary to accomplish the objectives in subsection 2 of this section,  
69 which may include resources such as training programs, grant  
70 programs, or database development; and

71 (c) The elimination of barriers that hinder the objectives in  
72 subsection 2 of this section, which may include changes to school or  
73 state institution procurement policies or procedures.

74 4. The board shall prepare a report containing its findings and  
75 recommendations and shall deliver such report to the governor, the  
76 general assembly, and to the director of each agency represented on the  
77 board by no later than August 31, 2012.

78 5. In conducting its work, the board may hold public meetings at  
79 which it may invite testimony from experts or it may solicit  
80 information from any party it deems may have information relevant to  
81 its duties under this section.

82 6. This section shall expire on August 31, 2012.

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